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Venice, December 20. *N. S.*

WE have received Advice from Rome, that the Pope hath been extreamly Ill of a Vomiting, which was follow'd by a violent Fever, but he was ſomething better when the Letters came away. While his Diſeaſe was at the heighth, the Cardinals who thought themſelves moſt likely to ſucceed him, were very active in making their Intereſt for the next Election. But however thoſe Intrigues may be now at a ſtand by the appearance there is of his Recovery; it is thought this Fit of Sickneſs will be made uſe of as a pretence for putting off a Conſiſtory, the holding of which his Imperial Majeſty preſſes with much earneſtneſs, and the Pope by all Artifices endeavours to delay, being deſirous to avoid for ſome time longer an open Declaration of the Cardinals in *Petto*. The Ambaſſador of this State at the Court of Rome, hath propoſed, that publick Prayers may be made for averting the Plague, and that all the Paſſages into the Eccleſiaſtical Dominions may be ſhut up.

Milan, December 24. *N. S.* The Reſident of Venice hath notified to this Government, that the Plague is again broke out at Preſburg, and hath ſpread into the Suburbs of Vienna: Upon which account he hath made repeated Inſtances to them to ſhut up their Paſſages from Germany, telling them if they do not comply with this Propoſal, the Venetians will be obliged to break off all Commerce with this State. He hath receiv'd Anſwer, that they can't interrupt their Communication with their Sovereign without his Order, and that they have ſent a Courier to acquaint him with the Deſire of the Republick: But it is thought the Emperor will hardly conſent to it, ſince we are aſſured from Vienna that the Court hath expreſſed great Diſſatisfaction at the Relation the Venetian Ambaſſador hath ſent this Republick, of the Plague's prevailing in that Place and at Presburg, which they pretend was without any Foundation. The Pruſſian Troops, that have ſerved moſt part of the War in this Country, are recalled, and to Morrow they begin their March homewards. The Swiſs Regiment of Diesbach in the Pay of the States-General, which came into this Dutchy at the latter end of the Summer, in order to embark for Spain, is commanded to the Low-Countries. Sir John Jennings, with a Squadron of Britiſh Men of War, is arrived at Porto Spetio on the Genoeſe Coaſt, where he intends to continue five or ſix Weeks, to take in a Store of Proviſions for a conſiderable time.

Copenhagen, January 3. *N. S.* One of our Frigats which had been Cruizing about Wiſmar, came in here Yeſterday, and brought advice, that the Swediſh Fleet, conſiſting of Thirteen Men of War, and Ninety Tranſport Ships, was Sailing towards Hilligen Haven, a Port in Holſtein, where the Troops are to be diſembark'd, in order to join the Army under the Command of Count Steinbock. Letters from Hamburgh inform us that General is already entered into Holſtein, towards the Coaſt where theſe Forces are to land. It is ſaid they conſiſt of Six thouſand Men. We have receiv'd Advice, that the King hath left Oldeſloe in great haſte, and is on his way hither, where it is thought he will arrive this Night, or to Morrow.

Lisbon, January 3. *N. S.* Upon the Publication of a Truce with the Crowns of France and Spain, the Marquis de Bay hath recall'd ſome Troops which he had ſent to take Poſſeſſion of Valentia d'Alcantara, and other Towns on this Frontier. Sir Nicholas Trevanian, with two Men of War under his Command, is ſtill in this Harbour, and waits only for a fair Wind to ſet Sail for the Streights.

Utrecht, Jan. 18. *N. S.* Yeſterday Morning the Plenipotentiaries of France had a long Conference with thoſe of Her Majeſty. This Day Monſieur Buys, one of the Miniſters of the States General, was with their Lordſhips, by whoſe interpoſition the Difference between Monſieur Meſnager and Count Rechteren, is in a fair way of being accommodated; and it is thought the general Conferences which for ſome time have been diſcontinued upon that account, will ſoon be renew'd. The Magiſtrates of this Town have cauſed diligent Enquiry to be made after the Publiſhers of a printed Paper, entitled, An Extract of the Regiſter of the Reſolutions of